

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 153

By Howell

A RESOLUTION to recognize Sarah Locke as a recipient of the 2015 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize those estimable citizens of this State, both young and old, who consistently demonstrate a personal commitment to improve the lives and well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Locke, a resident of Charleston and a senior at Walker Valley High School, achieved national recognition for her exemplary volunteer service, garnering a 2015 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Locke earned this award by giving generously of her time and energy to recruiting volunteers, organizing meetings and events, and connecting with neighbors and local law enforcement for a neighborhood watch that she founded and directs; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Locke felt compelled to help her neighborhood after the local elementary school was burglarized; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Ms. Locke who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting that the members of this legislative body give recognition to and express gratitude for the vitality, altruism, and tremendous determination of

young Tennesseans such as Sarah Locke, who truly are shining stars on the horizon of our State's future; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate 2015 Prudential Spirit of Community Award recipient Sarah Locke, recognize her outstanding volunteerism in her community, and wish her every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.